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In April, city recorded a staggering 83% rise in night-time decibel levels, way beyond permissible limit

THAT SOUNDS TERRIBLE

Stations record noise in dB of traffic, civil works, industry

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Blaring horns, screeching brakes and roaring engines continue to thunder across Bengaluru roads as authorities are busy silencing places of worship.

The police, we are told, have become hyper-vigilant about the noise pollution rules being violated by churches, mosques, temples and other establishments.

In the meantime, the majority of the noise pollution monitoring stations across the city continued to record noise levels higher than permissible limits.

A quick scan of the recent noise levels at monitoring stations of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) showed that the levels breached the limits not just in commercial areas, but even in residential areas and silent zones across Bengaluru.

The board monitors noise levels at two noise-sensitive areas — Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (NIMHANS) and RV College of Engineering (RVCE), Mysuru Road.

In April, while the RVCE station recorded an increase in the decibel level by a staggering 83% at night-time and around 40% during the day, the sensor at NIMHANS, another silent zone in the city, showed an increase in noise level by 55.5% during the night.

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> **“Every month, we send a letter to departments specifying stations recording noise higher than permissible levels.**
> — KSPCB official

As per Central Pollution Control Board specifications, the permissible sound level (dB) in a silent zone during the day is 50 dB and during the night is 40 dB. However, while the RVCE station recorded a noise level of 69.7 dB during the day, it was a staggering 73.3 dB at night.

Both the stations reported sound levels 20-30 decibels

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Urban Fabric

‘80% of textile in dry waste can be repaired or reused if collected separately’

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All these years, many of us used to dispose of our clothes — they either end up in a landfill or are sold again to the poor.

Now, a new initiative has been launched to make better use of used clothes so as to reduce the burden on landfills and ensure such clothes reach the poor free of cost.

Hasiru Dala’s used clothes collection drive is on at Domlur and JP Nagar wards on a pilot basis. Residents are seemingly happy to handover old clothes to Hasiru Dala volunteers who visit their homes twice a month.

“It is a very good initiative. It ensures old clothes reach the needy or recyclers, not the landfills along with all types of waste. I am very happy to handover old clothes to Hasiru Dala volunteers,” said Shiva Kumar V, a resident of Domlur.

According to Hasiru Dala volunteers, about 4-6% of all collected dry waste in the city is textile waste.

“A 2018 study by Hasiru Dala showed more than 80% of all textile waste in the dry waste collection system can be repaired or reused if collected separately, preventing it from ending up in landfills and open dumpsites,” said Kartik Natarajan of Hasiru Dala.

The used textile collection project aims at reducing the quantity of cloth waste that ends up in the landfills.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Soapbox in the spotlight

This is an open mic with a difference. The following art forms are open to be showcased: Dance, Theatre. Movement, Music, Poetry, Storytelling, and Stand-Up! So come and put your best charm on! You will have 5 minutes to perform. **Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar**
When: May 29, 7-9.30 pm; Tickets: 9886294444

02 Percussive tunes

Rafael Cerato known to engage audiences is all set to play his powerful yet inclusive set at Gawky Goose. Cerato comes from the Aix-en-Provence/ Marseille; he's known for blending emotional and percussive sounds with Rolling and powerful basslines, adding his own vocals and guitar with a touch Of New Wave, Dark Disco synth vibes. Brace yourselves to witness the best percussive sounds with bass lines that will surely blow your mind. **Where: Gawky Goose - Kitchen & Bar**
Date: May 29, 8 PM onwards
Reservations: 09901787273

03 Books by weight

Bibliophiles, here's some good news for you. You can get your hands on several books, at throwaway prices based on their weight at this exhibition-cum-sale. Not only can you get books from a vast array of categories (children's books, coffee table books, psychology etc), the prices are a steal. You don't want to miss this opportunity, so hurry!
Where: Safina Plaza (Main Hall), Infantry Road
When: Till May 29, 10 am – 8 pm

Calling all bookworms

Book lovers throng a bookstore at Church Street to meet and interact with authors, and buy their favourite books at the Book-hopping event that was inaugurated on Saturday.
The two-day event will see several writers visiting book shops and stalls, aiming to bring back the culture of reading among people.

Safety on tracks with stone dust & boulders

South Western Railways go all out to ensure trains do not get affected by landslides during rains

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With monsoon approaching, South Western Railways (SWR) are busy stockpiling boulders and stone dust as many trains from the city, especially heading towards Mangaluru or Goa, are prone to landslides during this season.

Every year, during monsoon, train services get affected due to blockade of railway tracks. As most of these railway tracks are remote and not accessible by road, it becomes a difficult task to clear the debris.

Hence, the SWR is stockpiling boulders, stone dust/gravel/ musk which are kept ready in wagons and stabled near flood-prone locations to arrest landslides, breaches and flooding etc. The stocks are kept at Tinai ghat, Kulem, Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road.

This time, the excavators have been stationed at Londa, Castle Rock, Caranzol, Dudhsagar, Sonalium, Kulem, Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road for quick restoration and clearing of tracks.

According to SWR General Manager Sanjeev Kishore, measures are already in place. All joints have been fixed, drainage of water from the track area -- particularly in yards -- has been ensured to avoid any stagnation of water.

SWR conducts a disaster management mock drill

Every year during the rains, it is common for train services to get disrupted due to landslides, especially in coastal areas

All types of drains have been made with proper slopes and clear outlets so that rains do not affect the operation of trains.

The bridges and locations have also been provided with name boards at their approaches and arrangements are also made for posting of watchmen. The approaches of girder bridges have also been attended to.

Accident-relief trains and accident-relief medical vans have also been kept ready at all times. Road vehicles, motor trolleys are kept in good condition for swift transport of relief materials and men to the site, when needed to ensure quick restoration of train services in the event of disruption.

The weather bulletins issued from the India Meteorological Department are being monitored and weather warnings are disseminated in a timely manner to Stations to alert Station Masters, Trackmen, and Engineering Electrical & Signal/Telecom maintenance staff, said a SWR official.

Bharat Gaurav train on track

There will be a Bharat Gaurav train soon. The Department of Religious Endowments has registered with South Western Railway as a Service Provider, by depositing the registration fee of Rs 1 lakh under this scheme.

Bharat Gaurav trains are theme-based tourist circuit trains that will showcase India's rich cultural heritage.

"Under the 'Right to Use' model, the Service Provider is free to decide the business model including themes (For example, Ramayana circuit) routes, itinerary, tariff and other attributes connected with this model.

They can also refurbish the interiors of the coach based on the theme as well as utilise the coaches for advertisements and branding (Both interior and exterior, including by third-party).

"The operation of the train and the safety-related technical maintenance would be carried out by railway staff.

South Western Railway will facilitate planning and finalisation of the detailed proposal (coach configuration, itinerary, stoppages etc) in a time-bound manner and alternative itinerary in case of congestion on rail routes requested by the Service provider," said an official.

Visvesvaraya station open from June 6

With Sir M Visvesvaraya terminal being officially launched, three trains will start its journey from the new terminal instead of Banaswadi station.
Train No 12684 (Banaswadi - Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express) will commence from Visveswaraya Terminal from June 6. Train No 16320 (Banaswadi - Kochuveli Bi-Weekly) will commence from the new station from June 10 and Train No 22354 Banaswadi –Patna weekly Express will commence from June 12.

Chained Macaque sent to rehab, 'rescuer' miffed

Public figure says she had rescued monkey, would release it when its injuries are healed

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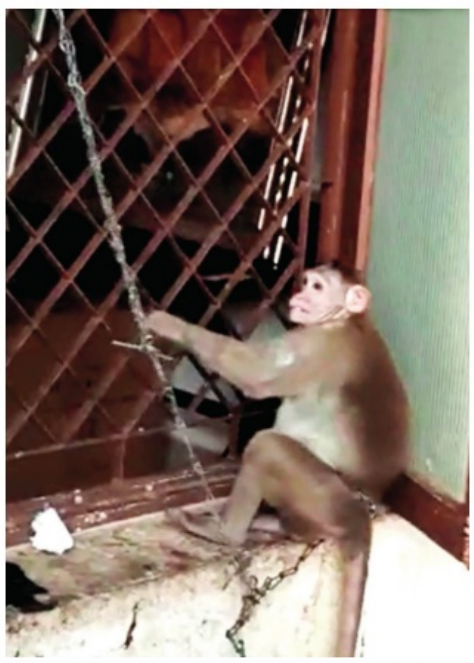
High drama prevailed when rescue volunteers of the People for Animals (PfA) Hospital went to rescue a Bonnet Macaque that was kept confined at a house belonging to a film director and actor in Banashankari recently. The volunteers had received information that a three-year-old monkey was kept chained to a grill in the house, and even videos were circulating on social media of the monkey wandering in the surroundings with the chain from its waist.

As soon as the volunteers reached the house, they learnt the house belonged to Roopa Iyer, a public figure, film director, actor, choreographer and model, who objected to them taking away the monkey. The volunteers had to call up their seniors who informed the local Chennammanakere Achukattu police who escorted the volunteers and managed to successfully rescue the monkey and take it to PfA near Kengeri.

However, Iyer said she too has been running a trust for 17 years where her volunteers and she had rescued several injured animals, treated and rehabilitated them and released them into the wild. She called up the district commissioner and the forest officials she knew and there was pressure on PfA to hand over the macaque to her.



Videos of monkey chained from its waist were doing the rounds on social media

However, the chief vet surgeon of PfA Colonel Dr Navaz Shariff escalated the matter to the Member of Parliament (MP) Maneka Gandhi who rang up the forest officials (an ACF and an RFO) who had asked PfA to return the monkey and reminded them about the norms according to the Wildlife Protection Act. "The monkey was kept captive - chained on its waist for at least three months. The place where the monkey was tied up was full of filth. According to the Wildlife Protection Act, it is illegal to keep the monkey captive," Navaz said.

Iyer visited the PfA hospital at least twice to see the monkey. "Once she was allowed to see the monkey and she fed it with dried fruits which we would not allow, but when she arrived the next week, we did not allow her," said a staff from PfA.

Iyer told Bangalore Mirror that she too was a wild animal rescuer. "This is not the first time I am rescuing a monkey. The monkey was injured and it used to roam around in our colony. I had kept it captive until it recovers after which I would leave it with other monkeys near the temple or a forest," she said. She insisted that has been doing this for a while and that it was not mandatory that all the rescue activities have to be carried out by PfA. "There are other NGOs and veterinary hospitals where rescue and rehabilitation can happen," Iyer said. "There are several complaints against PfA, including mine which we will submit to the authorities soon," she claimed.

2 killed in bike accidents

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A 24-year-old software engineer was killed after he rammed his bike into a tree on a footpath in Banashankari on Friday night. The deceased, Srikanth, is said to have been riding with his friends after dinner and drinks at a restaurant.

According to the police, the accident happened around 12.45 am behind the Kamakya in Banashankari. Srikanth and five-six of his friends had gone for a party and had dinner and alcohol at a restaurant near Banashankari BDA complex. Around 12.30 am, Srikanth is said to have taken his friend's bike to ride around, while two of his friends followed him on another bike. "He had not worn a helmet and he was in an inebriated state while riding," a senior police officer said quoting his friends. Soon after the accident, his friends rushed to his help and shifted him to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead.

In another accident, a 34-year-old man was killed after he slipped from his scooter due to 'rash and negligent' riding in Chikkajala on Friday night. The deceased Sanmith, who was a manager with a private firm, was returning home from work, the police said. Passers-by found him lying in a pool of blood and rushed him to a private hospital where he succumbed later due to severe head injuries.

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One fine way

BBMP cracks whip against black spot creators, collects Rs 1.2 crore in fines from January 1-May 23

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With the onset of summer this year, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) decided to intensify its crackdown on solid waste management violations with special attention to black spots. The Palike has collected over Rs 1.2 crore as fine from January 1 to May 23, a majority of it pouring in after the crackdown.

Various categories under which the penalties were levied included spitting, urination in public, open defecation and garbage dumping.

"We started with monitoring and restriction of the black spots. When we began in March this year, there were approximately over a thousand black spots in the city. This number has now been brought down to about a hundred. We are continuing with the work," said a senior BBMP official.

While Rs 1,19,67,343 as fine has been collected under solid waste management, Rs 82,000 has been gathered for spitting, Rs 99,708 from those caught urinating in public and Rs 31,400 as a fine from open defecation cases.

According to the officials, the majority of the black spots have been spotted in the south and east zones of the city.

"These areas highly populated with many commercial outlets are markets. The quantum of activity is high too owing to multiple clusters of residential apartments. Food habits of people also impact the amount and type of waste generated. For instance, areas with more meat shops or those with such food habits were found to be more littered. However, we have brought it under control," said BBMP Chief Marshal Rajbir Singh.

Despite much being discussed about black spots, they continue to exist everywhere in Bengaluru

What statistics say

Offense	Cases	Amount (Rs)
Solid Waste	54,516	1,19,67,343
Spitting	819	82,000
Public urination	947	99,708
Open defecation	314	31,400
Total	**56,596**	**1,21,80,451**

The Palike is also catching hold of people found spitting in public spaces and defecating in the open. According to Singh, catching hold of those who are found urinating in public spaces and fining them is the most difficult of all.

"We cannot create a toilet at every step. Most of the people that are caught under this category are auto drivers, slum dwellers and daily wage workers. They have the habit of finding easy corners and dark stretches. When caught in the act, we generally do not penalize them but rather educate them to use public toilets. Those who are caught in market spaces such as Commercial Street are heavily fined," said BBMP Chief Marshal Rajbir Singh.

BBMP officials say while they are on their toes to catch hold of the offenders, such exercise should be a collective responsibility of all agencies.

"It should not just be BBMP's responsibility. Other agencies should also play their part in controlling the garbage menace. For instance, BWSSB should take care that garbage is not dumped in the stormwater drains, clogging them. These chambers should be kept covered," said the official.

Additional measures such as construction waste and footpath clearance too are being taken up by Palike.

Recycled water to fill Bengaluru's lakes

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Bengaluru was once considered a city of lakes. However, rapid urbanisation killed many of these waterbodies and those still surviving are mostly filled with sewage which is neither fit for drinking nor supporting flora or fauna.

Now, a new experiment by the State Government will be conducted in the city where lakes will be brimming with treated water from Bengaluru's sewage. This will not only increase the water table but also support life.

Phase two of the project will be taken up at a cost of Rs 540 crore and the treated water will be supplied to fill 22 lakes in Bengaluru East and Hosakote taluks. This time, there are also plans to take up lift irrigation from KR Puram Lake as well.

Many areas on the city's outskirts along with Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts have been parched for decades with no water in lakes. There was no availability of water even at a depth of 1,000 feet. Hence, it was decided to treat the city's sewage water and pump it to the lakes.

Many of the lakes are filled with froth due to inflow of sewage (file)

In the first phase of the project, budgeted at Rs 1,342 crore, water from the Koramangala-Challaghatta valley was pumped via huge pipelines to 270 lakes in Kolar. Water from the Hebbal-Nagawara valley was supplied to 24 lakes. According to officials, the treated water supply did wonders as the water table rapidly rose from 1,400 feet to 400-600 feet.

During Friday's budget in the State Assembly, CM Bommai said the first task would be to fill 234 tanks in Bengaluru Urban and Rural, Tumakuru and Chikkaballapur districts with 308 MLD water processed from the Vrushabhavathi Valley of Bengaluru Urban.

Currently, around eight TMC of treated water is being pumped from sewage treatment plants of Bellandur and Varthur, and around 400 million litres of primary and secondary treated water are being pumped per day through an 85-km pipeline to Kolar.

However, this project is plagued with controversies as well. Many organisations had opposed the project alleging that the treated water had arsenic content which would adversely affect the health of people and cattle. Frothing was another complaint. Some of them alleged that the treated water was dangerous due to the presence of heavy metals and pollutants as well.

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Water everywhere

Cantonment Junction

Water from the sewer overflowing into the Cantonment underpass. This has been a problem since the last ten years. What are the authorities doing?

Tree hazard

Nehru Road

On Nehru Road in Kammanahalli, old trees are dangerous for the public, authorities concerned should remove them immediately.

Spare the footpath

Basaveshwar Nagar

The footpath is encroached upon by cafeterias and hawkers. This is next to Chord Road Hospital, Siddaiah Puranik Road, Basaveshwar Nagar.

Key arrest in PSI exam scam

The Criminal Investigation Department probing the police sub-inspector recruitment scam has arrested one more person from Afzalpur in Kalaburagi, sources in the CID said. The arrested person is said to be a close aide of one of the key conspirators Rudragouda D Patil.

The accused had reportedly provided a bluetooth device to a candidate. He was also a link between Patil and the candidates who passed the exam through unfair means.

With this arrest, over 50 people have been arrested including two deputy superintendents of police, an inspector, a sub-inspector, a few constables, over 20 candidates and a BJP leader Divya Hagargi and her close aides.

The CID questioned the Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment) Amrit Paul in connection with the case on Thursday and Friday. PTI

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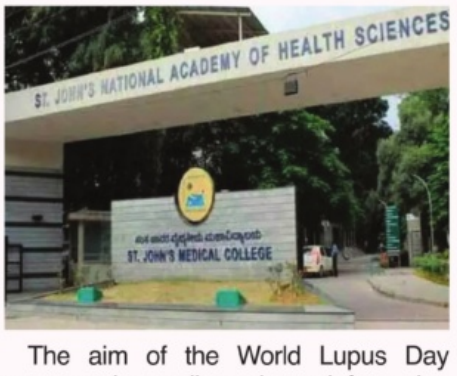
Advertorial

St. John's to host awareness campaign on silent threat

The Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology of St. John's Medical College Hospital Bengaluru will observe World Lupus Day on May 10 at the mini auditorium of the college. The program will begin at 2 p.m., and is aimed at disseminating information and creating awareness about lupus – a systemic autoimmune disease wherein the body's immune system fiercely attacks healthy tissue in the human body.

With many diseases being attributed to the modern lifestyle, a new threat is now emerging in the healthcare horizon of young women, known as lupus or medically termed as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). According to Dr. Vineeta Shobha, MD. DM., Professor & Head of the Department and Dr. Ramya J. MD., Associate Professor, SLE is a major cause for concern among women in the age group of 15 to 45 with the numbers being significantly much smaller among young males. The disorder can affect any organ or tissue of the body, thereby causing myriad multisystem symptoms, they explained.



The aim of the World Lupus Day program is to disseminate information and create awareness about lupus. It will also be a platform to develop lupus support and help lupus families to connect with each other. This year the focus will be on "LUPUS IN COLOUR" – to help patients lead a better life with lupus. The common symptoms of lupus range from joint pains, skin rashes, especially on exposure to sunlight, oral ulcers to severe organ threatening neurological and kidney diseases such as stroke, epilepsy or renal failure, the Doctors explained.

Unfortunately, there is no single gold standard test for the diagnosis of SLE. Only an experienced Physician can diagnose the onset of lupus recognizing the constellation of characteristic symptoms, signs, and laboratory findings in the appropriate clinical context. Lupus can't be cured, but it can be very well controlled. Lupus warrants prolonged treatment with corticosteroids and immunosuppressant drugs. Young patients diagnosed with SLE require lifelong medical aid. However, most patients do well with proper treatment and regular follow up, they assured.

In countries such as India, cost becomes a bane in the treatment of lupus and can be a burden on economically backward class families. Though not fatal, if detected and treated early, non-compliance to treat can cause risk of early death. About two to three out of 100 patients in a week are detected with SLE in St. John's Medical College Hospital. This makes it crucial for the larger population to become aware of this disorder so that they can support patients and families appropriately.

Autoimmune diseases are generally not covered by insurance schemes or by Government health schemes. Thus, it is very important that lupus patients are self-reliant and employed such that they can look after their own well-being. They stressed that with appropriate treatment, lupus patients can lead a normal lifespan and find delight in normal family and professional life.

St. John's Medical College Hospital, as a one of India's premier healthcare organization, attaches importance in creating awareness about lupus on a regular basis. The Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology conducts a dedicated Lupus Clinic every Tuesday wherein a team of qualified professionals treat and counsel patients about this illness.

The Hospital also organizes educational programs all year round in order to provide the right information and precautionary measures. The Hospital also takes keen interest in organizing annual seminars with renowned lupus experts who enlighten the students and colleagues.

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50 HUES OF PINK

This passion flower is referred to as the Kaurava Pandava flower by many. The moniker comes from the 100 petals which are named Kaurava and the five sepals which are called Pandava. Sometimes, it may have 55 petals which is a Fibonacci number.

The picture was clicked by reader **Shreya Oruganti**

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It's a heavy price for an auto ride

From rigged meters to shelling out extra money, citizens are left at the mercy of auto drivers

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The story of auto drivers in Namme Bengaluru harassing passengers by demanding extra money is a tale as old as time. While many choose to rely on cab app services, those who do dare to take an auto, are left at their mercy, and end up shelling extra for distances as short as two kilometres.

Residents also complain that if the driver agrees to a fare by the meter, chances are high that the meters placed in the autos are rigged and show fares which are more than the actual amount should be.

A resident who was recently troubled by this issue, said, "I had taken an auto with my friend. Just for dropping her 15 steps ahead, he was asking me for an extra 30 rupees."

Smitha S, another commuter said that the drivers do not listen to commuters. They think that it is only them who knows the route.

"While coming from Banashankari bus stand, I had told the driver to take a different route which was comparatively empty, but he did not listen to me. However, when we stopped at a traffic signal, I was shocked to see that the amount on the metre was jumping rates. Within five minutes it went from 20 rupees to 50 rupees. When I asked him about it, he did not agree and kept on arguing that it was correct."

The problem has been exacerbated with the app-based services increasingly cancelling rides.

Sunitha Ramesh, a resident of Kengeri, said that she had taken an auto to Kumbalgodu from Kengeri bus terminal metro station which is approximately a distance of 8 kilometres. "Before asking him, I tried booking an app-based auto, but all the drivers were cancelling the ride. So, I told the driver that I would give him 250 rupees which was shown on the app. He agreed to it. However, when he dropped me off, he asked me to pay him 500 rupees because the place was in a remote area, and he would get no passenger on the way back. He was not ready to listen to anything and kept on arguing. At last, he agreed for 400 rupees."

The residents say that this problem has been going on for quite a long time now. Since they have no other option, they are forced to depend on these auto drivers.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

In the wake of app services constantly cancelling rides, Bengalureans have to resort to taking autos (File)

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city, Malleshwaram derives its name from the Kadu Malleshwara Temple. It was planned in 1889 after the great plague of 1898, developed as a suburb in 1892 and handed over to the city municipality in 1895. HV Nanjundaiah, the first Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University, is credited with the building of the then suburb of Malleshwara. The neighbourhood of Malleshwara has hosted people from all walks of life, and the Nobel laureate CV Raman, scientist Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, badminton world champion Prakash Padukone and his daughter Deepika Padukone, noted Carnatic musician Doraiswamy Iyengar and film stars Saroja Devi, Radhika Pandit and Jaggesh have all lived here. Malleshwaram is home to some of Bangalore's heritage cafés such as CTR Shri Sagar (1920s), Janatha Hotel, Raghvendra Stores, New Krishna Bhavan, Veena Stores, and Snehajeeevi Gowdara Egg Rice Adda.

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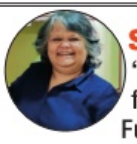
Name a book or two that reminds you strongly of Bengaluru and why?

KV Vaidyanthan
Executive Assistant
The book written by Janaki Nair 'The Promise of the Metropolis' provides an excellent understanding of Bangalore and explains forms of contemporary urban democracy. This book is a great one to understand the evolution of Bangalore from the historical old city to its current form.



Shyamala Nawab, BM reader
'Some Bark Some Bite' is a beautifully written book by Marianne Furtado De Nazareth. It is an easy read that is set amid beautiful streets, bungalows & trees of Bangalore. The smooth life of a responsible & conscientious Gabriella, a lecturer who advocates sustainable living by example. Yet, she goes through a harrowing experience that is triggered by a confrontation with a neighbour... something that could happen to any of us! I would love to add that every pet parent must read the book to understand the fears felt by many. It explains the psychology of many who love dogs yet are afraid of them at the same time & why their fear is totally justified in the face of even a friendly attack!

KL Subramanyam, BM reader
I think some of the books about old Bangalore which had phrases like the 'garden city of India', 'pensioners paradise', have become a little outdated now. With Bengaluru constantly changing, today, books and newspapers mostly term the city as 'Electronic city', 'Silicon Valley of India' etc.

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THE SUNDAY READ

No soil, just greens

Bengalureans can make use of wet waste to make own compost, grow veggies on less space, with minimal water

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With concretisation of the city, there is hardly any soil available to farm. So what does a determined Bengalurean do? Just take up soilless farming! This is a method to grow plants without soil. Experts say that there are several benefits to this method, like using less space. Such plants also take less time (30% lesser days to yield) and less usage of water.

Kochu Sankar, President of Trinity Enclave in Kalkere, explains how it can be done. "Every home in Bengaluru disposes on an average 0.5 Kg to 1kg of wet perishable waste (kitchen, food or garden waste etc) every day. This can be composted and converted into rich natural fertiliser that would ideally match with cocopeat used for soilless farming," Sankar said.

Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) has created methods for terrace cultivation in available space and vertical cultivation. So it is possible to grow herbs or vegetables in homes using your own composts.

Dr D Kalaivanan (Scientist-soil science, Division of Natural Resources, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research) told BM, "In the recent decades, the world has seen a rapid population shift from rural to urban areas, witnessing a drastic pressure on land, water and other resources in the urban areas. It is predicted that by 2050 about 64% of the developing countries and 86% of the developed countries will be urbanised." He said that the Revised Master Plan-2031 published by the Bangalore Development Authority projects that by 2031, the city will have 20.3 million residents beyond the current population in metros such as Mumbai and Delhi. "In this scenario, to cater to the nutritional security and health requirements, urban home gardens are gaining popularity in the city," he said.

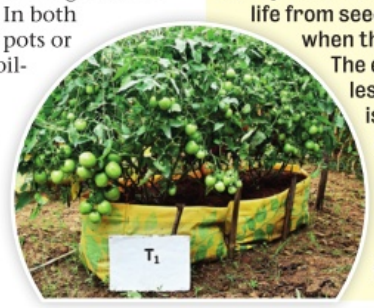
He said that urban home gardens can supply preferential, fresh, non-toxic produce round the year with minimum expenditure. In Bengaluru, unavailability of land or higher land prices and soil is usually a hurdle to people producing their own vegetables, spices and medicinal herbs. "This constraint can be addressed by creating a rooftop/terrace/utility area garden using soilless substrates. With soilless substrates one can also reduce the weight by 90% on the terrace. This kind of soilless terrace/roof top garden ensures a regular and handy supply of fresh vegetables, spices and medicinal herbs," he said.

The ICAR-IIHR has developed soilless production technologies for growing the most commonly consumed vegetables. "Bengalureans can grow their choice of greens using this technology to meet their daily requirement to some extent. The consumer also controls the use of fertiliser, pesticide and one can also know what one consumes," he said.

The ICAR-IIHR has developed a production technology including nutrient formulations for soilless cultivation of vegetables like zucchini, cabbage, chilli, brinjal, spinach, amaranthus, coriander, cucumber, French bean, peas, ridge gourd, radish, tomato, and leafy vegetables such as lettuce, parsley.

Kalaivanan added that based on the space, two types of soilless gardens can be adopted: soilless terrace garden and vertical garden. "For apartment dwellers, space is a limiting factor. But, every apartment has a utility area, where greens can be grown on vertical garden structures. In both types, plants are grown in pots or grow bags or trays using soilless media," he added.

Sankar added that residents have started experimenting with this method. Recently, many resident welfare associations took part in workshops with help from an NGO SAAHAS.



What & Why

Soilless farming can be defined as any method of growing plants without the use of soil as a rooting medium, in which nutrients absorbed by the roots are supplied via the water.

The main difference between soil and soilless farming is basically the way the plants take in the nutrients. Conventional farming would require fertilised soil and make the plants, especially their roots, work hard in order to acquire the necessary nutrients. In contrast, plants in soilless farms work much, much less and could focus on growth. Nutrients are supplied directly to the plants in liquid-form and their condition needs and biology are closely monitored all throughout their life from seeds to their mature form, when they are ready for harvest.

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Mysuru to get all charged up

CESC to install public charging stations for electric vehicles

CESC will also encourage its employees to shift to electric vehicles

After Bengaluru, now Mysuru is all set to embrace electric vehicles (EVs). In a first step towards promoting clean energy, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has started the initiative to promote EVs by setting up charging points across the royal city.

Besides this, CESC is also encouraging its employees to use EVs. The personnel have been told to ditch their ICE vehicles and shift to EVs. To begin with, the top officials have begun to use EVs. CESC officials said that this will not only promote EVs but will also significantly reduce the fuel burden on the exchequer. Now, CESC has become one of the first government bodies in the city to use green energy vehicles.

As a first step, CESC is buying two electric vehicles for use at its corporate office in Hinkal. As the charging centre is set up in the office, these vehicles will be used by the officials to travel in and around Mysuru. CESC Managing director Jayavibhava Swamy said, "We want to make the most of EVs so we have been asking our officials to shift their preference to the clean energy. Our goal is to completely reduce dependence on fossil fuels. This is only the first step but we are sure of accomplishing it. We are also in the process of creating awareness on the benefits of EVs."

> **"Our goal is to completely reduce dependence on fossil fuels. This is only the first step but we are sure that we will accomplish it**
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> –Jayavibhava Swamy, CESC Managing Director

EV companies are welcoming the move saying said that CESC had taken a right step by installing charging stations and that this would set an example for other government departments to adopt EVs. CESC officials said that they are taking a cue from Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) which is on the job of increasing the number of charging stations in Bengaluru. So far, Bescom has installed over 136 EV charging stations and there are plans to increase it to 455. In fact, Bescom was the first nodal agency to have introduced e-vehicle charging in the country. Bescom is also in the process of installing 25 kW charging stations wherein fast charging can be done within 30 minutes. **– Prakash VL**

Fake reviews to come under scanner

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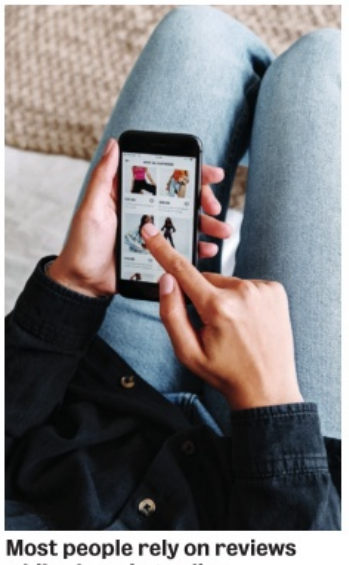
Are you relying on reviews to buy products? Unfortunately, even some reviews are unreliable. So with growing complaints over fake reviews in a section of e-commerce entities, the Centre is planning to take action against fake reviewers.

The Centre will now develop a framework to keep check over fake reviews on E-Commerce websites. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) after studying the present mechanism being followed by the E-Commerce entities in India and best practices available globally, will develop these frameworks. "Traceability by ensuring the authenticity of the reviewer and the associated liability of the platform are the two key issues here. Also e-com players must disclose as to how they choose the "most relevant reviews" for display in a fair and transparent manner," according to officials.

The Centre will now hold discussions with top e-commerce entities along with consumer forums, law universities, lawyers, and industry bodies on the impact of fake and misleading reviews on consumers and possible measures to prevent this anomaly. Department of Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh has written to all stakeholders to take part in a meeting to discuss the issue of fake reviews. In a letter, he said, "It is relevant to mention that with growing internet and smartphone use, consumers are increasingly shopping online to purchase goods and services. Given that e-commerce involves a virtual shopping experience without any opportunity to physically view or examine the product; consumers heavily rely on reviews posted on e-commerce platforms to see the opinion and experience of users who have purchased the goods or service. As a result, due to fake and misleading reviews, the right to be informed, which is a consumer right under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 is violated..."



Most people rely on reviews while shopping online

The move has been welcomed by consumers. "Most of the reviews look genuine but a few look fishy as they give more stars and praise the product. Only after buying the product, do we get to know the reality of such reviews," said a buyer. However, a representative from an e-commerce site said they too may have to regulate those writing bad reviews. "There are so many people who purposefully write bad reviews even if the product is good. This disengages the customer from buying the product and creates loss for the manufacturer," he said.

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BRUNCH IT UP!

These super-easy dishes can be plated up in a jiffy and are perfect for a lazy Sunday meal

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cooking Time/ assembly : 5 mins
Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken Thigh B/L: 80 Grams
- Mayonnaise: 10 Grams
- Baguette Bread: 04 Grams
- Pommery Mustard: 03 Grams
- Lemon: 1
- Orange: ½
- Iceberg Lettuce: 30 Grams
- Walnuts: 10 Grams
- Parmesan Cheese: 5 Grams
- Olive Oil: 10 Ml

METHOD

- Marinate the chicken breast with olive oil, juice of ½ lemon, salt & pepper. Grill the chicken breast, cool & cut as slivers. Wash and drain the lettuce. Mix mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, salt & pepper. Toss the lettuce in the above sauce to lightly coat the lettuce. Dish out in a bowl. Garnish with orange slices, walnuts & the chicken slivers. Serve with slices of Baguette, on the side.

STIR FRIED TOFU, POKCHOY AND GREENS

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time/ assembly : 10 mins
Serves 2

INGREDIENTS

- Tofu: 15 Grams
- Pokchoy: 20 Grams
- Chinese Cabbage: 20 Grams
- Broccoli: 15 Grams
- Runner Beans: 10 Grams
- Zucchini green: 15 Grams
- Soya, Kikkoman: 10 Ml
- Soya dark: 2 Ml
- Oil: 20 ML
- Sesame Oil: 02 Ml
- Garlic: 2 Grams
- Onion: 05 Grams
- Chilli: 03 Grams
- Spring Onion: 05 Grams

METHOD

- Blanch the tofu and all vegetables. In a wok or a pan, heat the oil. Add the chopped onions and garlic. Mix in the veggies and tofu. Add the salt, pepper, soya & sesame oil. Serve hot with steamed rice or jasmine rice.

SOM TAM SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- Raw Papaya: 100 Grams
- Carrot: 05 Grams
- Beans: 05 Grams
- Red Chilli, fresh: 03 Grams
- Garlic: 05 Grams
- Peanut (roasted): 10 Grams
- Palm Sugar: 05 Grams
- Kikkoman Soya: 05 Ml
- Lemon: 05 Ml
- Coriander, fresh: 03 Grams

METHOD

- Peel and julienne the papaya, carrot & beans and put them in iced water for 05 mins. In a bowl, mix palm sugar, soya, red chilli, garlic & lemon juice. Remove the papaya & veggies from the iced-water bath after 5 minutes, drain and mix in the palm sugar mixture. Garnish with coriander and roasted peanuts.

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cooking Time/ assembly : 5 mins
Serves 1-2

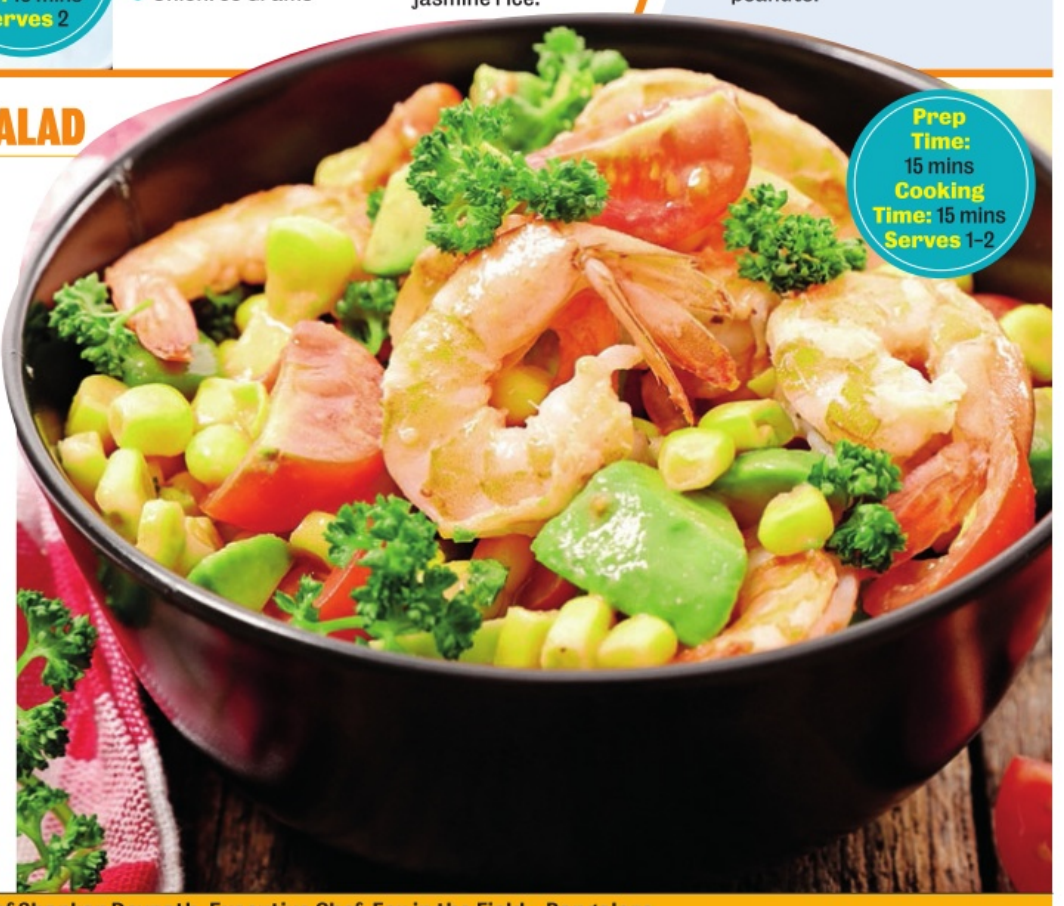
SHRIMP & AVOCADO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- Shrimp or Prawn (deveined & cleaned): 200 Grams
- Asparagus (washed and blanched): 50 Grams
- Avocado (sliced or diced): 1
- Orange: 1
- Lemon juice: 20 ml
- Iceberg Lettuce washed and drained: 250 Grams
- Micro greens washed: 10 Grams
- Olive Oil /Salad oil: 20 ml
- Red Cherry Tomato: 20 grams
- Olives Slices: 2
- Salt: To Taste
- Black Pepper Whole: 2 Grams
- Garlic: 10 grams
- Jalapeño: 10 Grams

METHOD

- Mix olive oil, lemon juice and chopped garlic, salt and pepper and make the emulsion / dressing of same, keep separately. Blanch the shrimps. Scoop out the avocado and cut into wedges or any other cut. Peel orange and cut segments of oranges. Now mix lettuce, orange segments, asparagus, avocado, tomato and shrimps. Pour dressing on top. Garnish with micro greens and lemon wedge.



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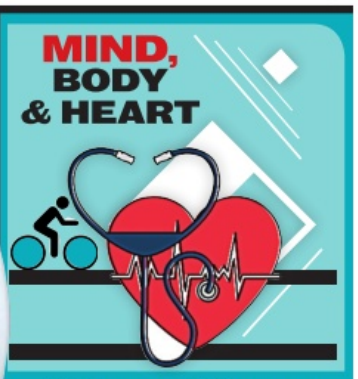

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 40s and have a tight-knit group of female friends, who I see for lunch, days out, dates with our kids and so on. My problem is, one of these friends has become really annoying. She's unbelievably boastful all the time and has to be the centre of attention. Her job's great, her kids are angels, her hubby's perfect - apparently! And when it comes to organising things, she takes over every time and won't listen to anyone else. It's like she's appointed herself as our boss. The truth is, if anyone objects to a plan, she's such a pain that it's easier to give in. It's a shame because she never used to be like this. The other night I got together with the other friends and talked about it, and someone suggested we don't include her in things any more. I don't like the idea, but, she's making us all miserable. Can you help?

COLEEN SAYS

OK, I accept that she is annoying but, equally, the thought of you all cutting her out makes me feel a bit sad for her - and I wonder why her behaviour has changed. Have you considered that she might be saying how great everything is because it actually isn't? That could be her way of coping because she finds it hard to reach out. You don't know what problems she has that might have caused this change in her - why not take the time to try to find out? If one of you is closer to her than the others, maybe they can explain to her that you've all noticed she's changed and ask her if everything is OK. At least give her the opportunity to discuss it. But leaving her out and talking about her behind her back seems a bit schoolyard to me. There's a group of you and only one of her. If you value the years of friendship, then at least attempt to talk it out.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

AUDIOSLAVE

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higher on an average than the prescribed limits.

Installed at ten noise-sensitive and commercial spots, these stations record the noise level in decibels (dBs) originating from vehicular traffic, civil works and industry. The idea was to chart an action plan to control and mitigate the noise pollution in the city.

A silence zone is defined as an area comprising not less than a radius of 100 metres around hospitals, educational institutions, courts and places of worship.

Decibel levels are not just high in the silence zones, even the residential areas are feeling the brunt. While the permissible decibel limit in residential areas is 55 dB during the day and 45 dB at night, both the monitoring stations installed in residential areas in the city recorded higher noise levels. While the sensor installed at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) recorded 59.1 dB during the day and 49.6 dB at night, the BTM Layout station read 64.4 dB and 62.5 dB respectively.

Blame game

According to KSPCB, the board collects the noise pollution data and forwards the monthly report to the Bengaluru Traffic Police for further action on mitigation measures.

"We gather pollution data and forward it to the concerned departments, which are traffic police and transport in this case. The onus to take preventive measures lies with these departments.

By the end of every month, we send a letter to the departments specifying the stations that have recorded noise pollution levels higher than the permissible levels," said a KSPCB official.

However, as per information received from the traffic police, no guidelines have been furnished by the board on noise pollution level management.

"We cannot restrict the movement of vehicles on roads. There is no way to filter which vehicles are allowed and which are not. While KSPCB is recording the noise pollution data, we have not got any guidelines on actions or measures that should be taken to bring down the decibel levels," said a senior traffic police official.

Never out of fashion

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"We are doing this by setting up a separate collection and sorting system for textiles instead of collecting it with daily dry waste, to be able to get better quality textiles that are soiled by getting mixed with the regular dry waste collection. This allows us to find places where repairable and reusable clothes can find a new life; collecting regularly in large quantities will also help us talk to recyclers and cloth aggregators to take the non-reusable clothes collected in this manner," he said.

He noted that the project leverages existing Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCCs) and their connection with citizens in wards to set up the collection system. "Citizens give their dry waste to DWCCs. We are sending a separate vehicle for collecting cloth waste regularly. Using the DWCCs already established collection and handling system, we are able to find markets where these clothes will find a new home, and provide employment to a new group who are working in collection, segregation, repair and management of these textiles," he said.

A resident handing over old clothes to a Hasiru Dala volunteer at Domlur

The project at Hasiru Dala has been conceived in partnership with CAIF (Circular Apparel Innovation Factory).

The volunteers of Hasiru Dala are also happy with the response from the residents. "I have distributed pamphlets and made announcements through the public address system about the days our vehicle visits their respective areas to collect old clothes. We have collected 500 kg of old clothes till now," said A Krishna, a volunteer.

Nalini Shekar of Hasiru Dala said the collection drive was launched at Domlur and JP Nagar wards on a pilot basis for six months.

"We will think about extending it to other areas based on the success of this initiative at Domlur and JP Nagar," said Shekar.

'Not yet thought about further cut in fuel tax'

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the government has not yet thought about further cut in fuel tax, following the Centre's recent decision to reduce excise duty on petrol and diesel.

Bowing to public pressure, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on May 21 had announced a Rs 8 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and Rs 6 a litre on diesel to avoid increase in fuel prices that were necessitated due to surge in international oil prices.

Also, the Centre had decided to give Rs 200 per cylinder subsidy to Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries for 12 cylinders in a year to help ease some of the burden arising from cooking gas rates rising to record levels.

"No we have not yet thought about it...," Bommai said in response to a question on whether the state government has thought about any cut in fuel prices, following the Centre's decision. **PTI**

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IN TAMIL AT : AMRUTH CINEMA {Lingarajapuram, 2:00, 7:30 p.m.} | VIJAY THEATRE {Myosre, 11:00, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 p.m.}.

IN TELUGU AT : PVR CINEMAS {Orion Uptown Mall, 1:30 p.m.} | INOX {SBR Horizon, Seegehalli, 4:50 p.m.} | SRI VINAYAKA {Marathalli, 11:00, 2:30 p.m.}.

farnazfever

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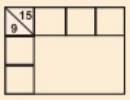
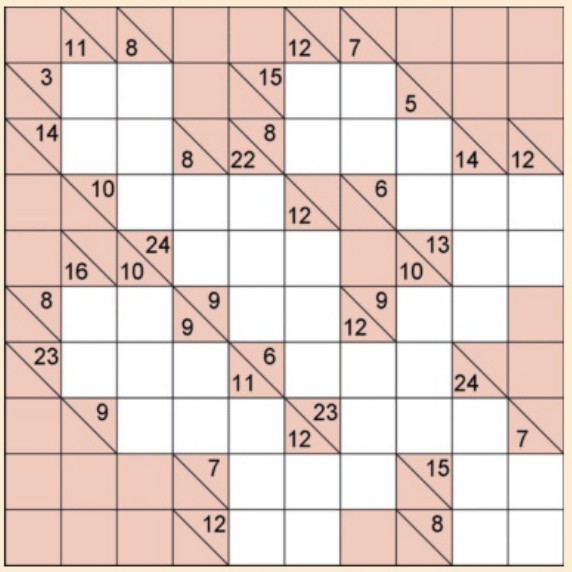
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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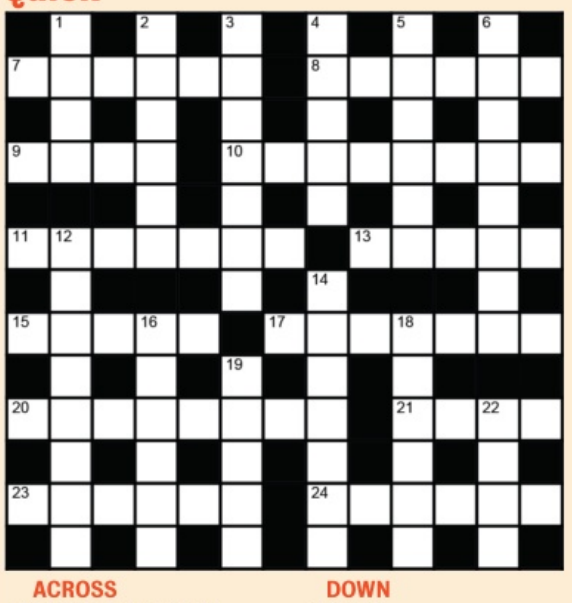


ACROSS

7 Famous Swiss city (6)
8 Staggered (6)
9 Musical work (4)
10 Pressing the teeth together (8)
11 Annul or cancel (7)
13 Glitter or scintillate (5)
15 Jaunty or jovial? (5)
17 Camouflages, cloaks or conceals (7)
20 Musical sign of suspense (4,4)
21 Peer or gaze (4)
23 Units of energy (6)
24 Criminal (6)

DOWN

1 Pile (4)
2 Small, nimble animal (6)
3 Poly clinic which shares the name of the road it's on (7)
4 Empty of liquid (5)
5 Lease (6)
6 Rudolph-like? (3-5)
12 Salad vegetable (8)
14 Big Bang Theory's ____ Cooper (7)
16 Ace spinner Anil ___ (6)
18 Young birds of prey (6)
19 Lift (5)
22 Alright (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS G

DV WSF OUEZ U QZJTSA, WSF OUEZ TSNZEODAM DA ODN EOUE DT QUJE SV WSFJTZHV. ROUE DTA'E QUJE SV SFJTZHIZT LSZTA'E LDTEFJP FT.

Linemaro

If you were a tweet, i'd 'favourite' you

Mindchow

Belief creates the actual fact

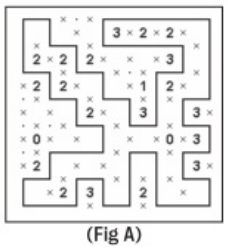
Joke of the day

Outside a beauty parlour: Sarcasm is just one more service we offer

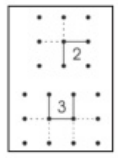
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

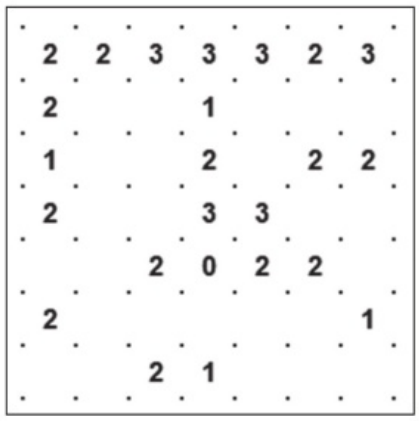


(Fig B) Not Allowed

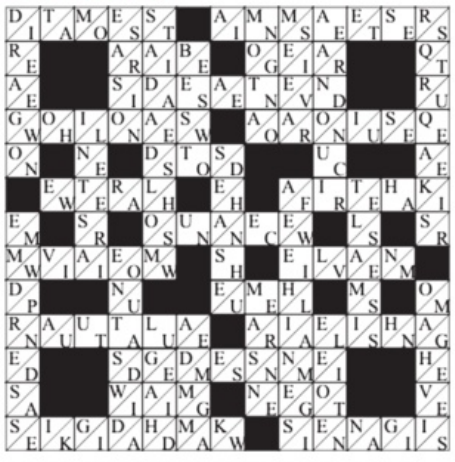
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



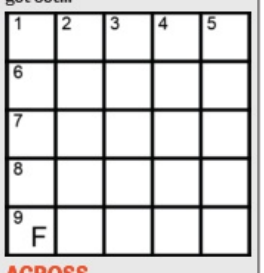
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Rust G; 6 Holla; 7 Nitre; 8 Greet; 9 Fates

DOWN

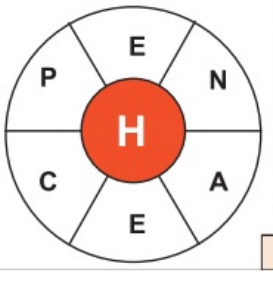
1 He Fit; 2 Anger; 3 Lutra; 4 Get El; 5 S rots

Mensapuzzle

Which date does not conform with the others?

A 1417
B 1533
C 1605
D 1722
E 1812
F 1902

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

1	5		3		8		6	7
	9						4	
		6				1		
8			4		5			3
	6			3			1	
2			6		9			8
		9				5		
	3						7	
4	8		1		2		3	6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
2 3 4 5

Medium = 39
2 6 7 8

Hard = 6
1 7 9 2

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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3-20

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Door handle and lock are higher. 2. Cap is turned around. 3. Bow is moved. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Window is different. 6. Book is larger.

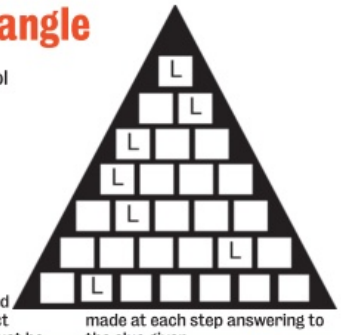
Riddler

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Evergreen tree -> Thin, pointed piece of metal
2. Burning process -> Evergreen tree
3. Gaze intently -> Heavenly body
4. Subject; unifying idea -> Those people

Alpha triangle

1 Learner's plate
2 Aluminium symbol
3 Tyke
4 Hit the ground
5 Large antelope
6 Hang loosely
7 Please



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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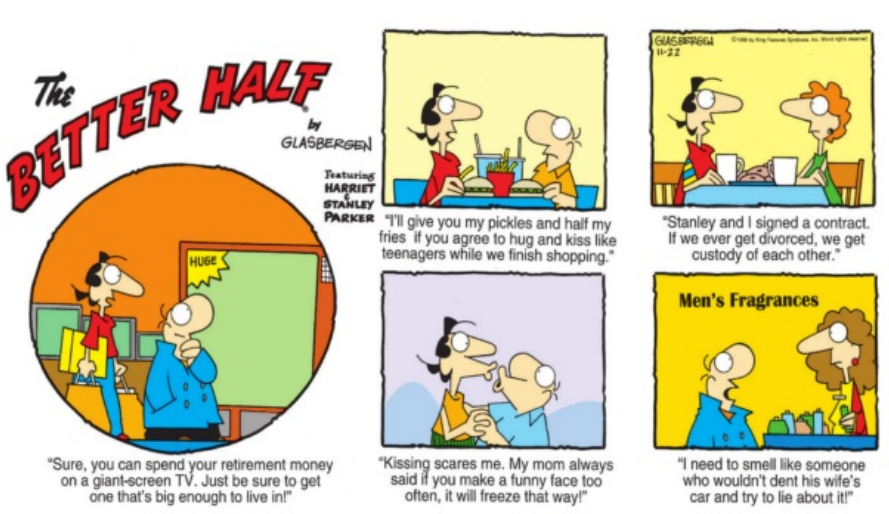
The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
HUGE
"Sure, you can spend your retirement money on a giant-screen TV. Just be sure to get one that's big enough to live in!"
"I'll give you my pickles and half my fries if you agree to hug and kiss like teenagers while we finish shopping."
"Kissing scares me. My mom always said if you make a funny face too often, it will freeze that way!"
"Stanley and I signed a contract. If we ever get divorced, we get custody of each other."
Men's Fragrances
"I need to smell like someone who wouldn't dent his wife's car and try to lie about it!"

BABY BLUES™
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HOW'S IT GOING, HAMMIE?
ALMOST DONE!
THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, ZOE!
THANKS!
THESE STAMP PADS MAKE EACH VALENTINE A WORK OF ART!
Happy ValenTimes Day
WHO KNEW YOU COULD BE SO CREATIVE WITH THUMBPRINTS?
WAIT...
...DID YOU SAY THUMBPRINTS?

AN ACCIDENTAL BITE BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER HAS GIVEN TEENAGER PETER PARKER SUPER POWERS, AND TRANSFORMED HIM INTO--
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
A MURDEROUS MASKED MENACE OR A MODERN-DAY CRUSADER?
AS THE TENTACLED BEAST DESCENDS DEEP INTO THE EARTH...
YOU CAN'T HELP ME!
GO HELP PETER PARKER-- HE MUST BE CLINGING TO A LEDGE UP ABOVE!
I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF HIM, MOLEY.
NOW IT'S YOU I'VE GOT TO--
OH NO YOU DON'T!
NO MIGH-BRAINLESS BRUTE SNEAKS UP ON YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
I SHOULD TELL YOU-- THAT'S A DECTOPUS--
IT HAS TEN ENORMOUS TENTACLES!
SLAMM
HNNNH
WHILE LEAGUES BELOW...
IT'S LIKE HAVING A FRONT ROW SEAT-- AT THE GREATEST GLADIATOR CONTEST OF ALL TIME!
HELPLESS--AT THE EARTH'S CORE!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally you may face some work- related stress but your inner being is calm and cool, which may help you balance everything. You may enjoy every moment at work and domestic life. Some new sources of income may open up, which may help you boost your financial health

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel dull today and may face health issues. You are likely to be a victim of sleeplessness, which might make you irritable. This irritability may affect your domestic harmony. Your profits may convert into losses. You are advised to think twice before making any type of financial transaction.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel energetic. Your losses may convert into profits, which may increase your business. You may make some difficult decisions in business with the help of your subordinates. You might perform efficiently at work; your boss may support you. You may also expect to get incentives which may increase your savings.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy at work. As your destiny is good, you are likely to implement some new ideas at work. You may follow rules and be ethical in your dealings with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and inner strength.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today things are under control; you may be able to come out of yesterday's messy situation. You may work with great patience, which may reflect in your way of working. Love birds may plan for an outing; students may have good focus on their goals. Singles may find their love.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull and unhappy. You may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect in your domestic life harmony. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work otherwise you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid driving in a rush and stay off adventure trips.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you and may feel harmony on the domestic front. You may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you to take some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships at the business or at work.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today a positive moon may make you happy. You may be patient at every stage. Your performance may be good at work and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to get suitable jobs in their domain. Love birds may enjoy a date.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised that you do not expect more from anyone around you, or it may leave you disappointed. Today you may indulge in self-exploration and self analysis, which may help you make some changes. After this process, you may feel confident and be able to accept challenges.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dissatisfied with something. You may not be able to enjoy any moment. You may experience lack of patience, which may affect your way of working. Silly errors may happen in your task. You are advised to practise meditation or yoga. You may also visit some religious places to seek mental peace.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel energetic so your speed of working may be high. You may perform difficult tasks in an easy way. Disputes between siblings may be settled now, which may lead to happiness in the family. Your focus towards your goals is high, which will give you success on the work front.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to get some inherited assets. You may perform with patience at work, which may increase your efficiency. You may be polite with the people around you. You may put less effort in day-to-day work. You may use your communication skills to get new work, which is an improvement in your situation.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
((15+9)÷6)+24
(24÷6)+24
4+24 = 28

BULL'S EYE
ache, cheap, CHEAPEN, cheep, each, heap, hence, peach, peahen

FAST FIVE
1. Pine -> Pin,
2. Fire -> Fir,
3. Stare -> Star,
4. Theme -> Them

RIDDLER

T	R	U	G	S
H	A	L	L	O
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STRIKE OUT

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Golden Eye for Shaunak Sen's documentary

Delhi-based filmmaker Shaunak Sen's 'All That Breathes' won the L'Oeil d'Or (Golden Eye) for the best documentary at the 75th Cannes Film Festival on Saturday.

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Choosy designs

Actor Meera Chopra made her debut at the 75th Cannes Film Festival to promote her upcoming film 'Safed'. In an interview, Meera revealed she had a tough time sourcing her outfit for Cannes 2022.

Meera said that all the Indian designers wanted to give their outfits to Deepika Padukone or a bigger celebrity. She further said that there was a lot of pressure. She was anxious and she could not sleep for three or four nights when she was sourcing her clothes because she had the pressure on her head.

In a chat with a newspaper, Meera said going to the Cannes Film Festival was an overwhelming feeling because she didn't just go with some liquor brand, or just walk the red carpet for nothing. She added that there were a lot of people who were doing that. But she went there to promote her film, 'Safed', by launching the poster. Meera said that for her, it was more about connecting with people who were passionate about cinema and business rather than just looking pretty.

Meera said her presence at the Cannes was about broadening the circle of networking and showcasing the talent. The actor agreed that being at the Cannes Film Festival gives exposure to artists, as the world is watching them. However, she also feels that the whole exercise of getting dressed up, getting pictures clicked and giving it out on social media, has become cumbersome and tiresome. —ETimes

Elon's hope for Johnny, Amber

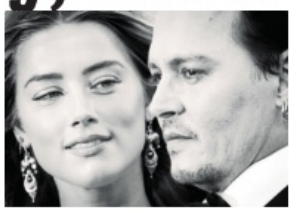
With every passing day, the noise around Johnny Depp and Amber Heard's trial is growing more than ever.

The recent development comes just the day before the jury is to begin deliberations in the defamation case.

Elon Musk, Tesla CEO and Amber Heard's ex-boyfriend took Twitter, saying he hopes 'they move on' and both the celebrities 'incredible' at 'their best.'

Responding to a tweet on Johnny Depp and Amber Heard's trial, Elon said, "I hope they both move on. At their best, they are each incredible."

Elon Musk and Amber Heard had been in a brief relationship after the split from Johnny Depp. Musk and Heard split in 2017 after a year of dating. However, the couple rekindled their love in 2018 but gave up on each other after a few months. On the contrary, the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star had another version. He claimed in a lawsuit that



Heard and Musk had begun dating "within a month after marriage" in February 2015. — ANI

Panipuri with Aamir

Bollywood star Aamir Khan was seen enjoying panipuri at the trailer preview of his film 'Laal Singh Chaddha' held in Mumbai. The trailer is all set to release on May 29 at the IPL 2022 final.

The actor was seen enjoying the street food and even welcomed the media at the event. The film, featuring Kareena Kapoor Khan, Aamir Khan, Naga Chaitanya and Mona Singh, is all set to release in August.

Aamir was seen clad in a white tee with harem pants and a pink shirt over it. He

teamed it up with brown boots and his cool glasses.

Aamir wrote in his Instagram post: "Catch the Laal Singh Chaddha trailer live from the 1st innings, 2nd timeout of the T20 Finals tomorrow."

Aamir had announced that he will be releasing the trailer of his film during the second strategic timeout of the first innings of the IPL 2022 final match. — IANS

Jacqueline gets court's nod to travel abroad

Actress Jacqueline Fernandez, who is under the radar of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with her alleged links with conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, has got the court's permission to travel abroad from May 31 to June 6.

Jacqueline, who wants to attend the International Indian Film Academy Awards in Abu Dhabi, had approached the Patiala House court, seeking its nod for her visit to the UAE, France, and Nepal.

The ED has interrogated Jacqueline multiple times and recorded her statement after her alleged friendship with Chandrashekhar came to light.

In the Rs 200 crore money laundering case involving Chandrashekhar, the ED had last month attached gifts and properties worth Rs 7 crore given to the Sri Lankan actress, terming them proceeds of crime.

In February this year, the agency had filed a supplementary charge sheet against Pinky Irani, an alleged aide of Chandrashekhar, who had introduced him to the actress. It has been alleged that Irani used to choose costly gifts for Jacqueline and later dropped them at her house after the payments were made by Chandrashekhar. Chandrashekhar spent around Rs 20 crore on different models and Bollywood celebrities. — IANS

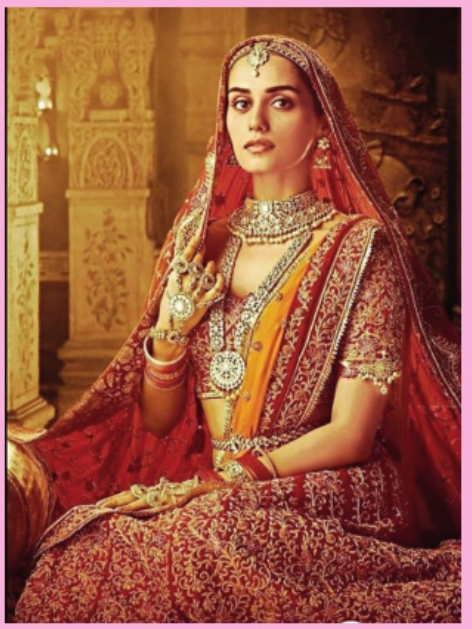
An army of people to deck up a bride

Superstar Akshay Kumar and debutant Manushi Chhillar starrer, 'Samrat Prithviraj' is based on the life and valour of King Prithviraj Chauhan.

The gorgeous Manushi Chhillar is playing the role of Prithviraj's beloved Princess Sanyogita and her debut is definitely one of the most awaited launches of 2022.

Manushi reveals that the wedding sequence in the film was her most elaborate shot as 25 people comprising costume, jewellery, hair, make-up, tailors, etc dressed her in tandem for three straight hours. The actor said, "So, the makeup would take 20 mins max because my director wanted to portray Princess Sanyogita as natural as possible and hair and costume would take hours. I would be the first one to enter the set, it would still be dark! For the wedding sequence, though it is a short one, it took a really long time for me to get ready! There was an army of people working on me to get me ready and look the way I do on screen!"

She added, "It was like someone putting 'alta' on my hands, someone is putting 'alta' on my feet, someone stitching my costume, someone fixing my hair, someone fixing my makeup, someone is putting jewellery on me." "What I loved about the costumes of Prithviraj is that they kept it very authentic.



But they were heavy, the jewellery was very heavy. There was a dupatta for my Swayamvar which went on my head. It was really heavy so, every time we would stop shooting for a scene 2 people would come and lift the dupatta so that the weight is not all on my head." Manushi said. —ETimes